

Study Guide #12 (Leader's Guide): K-group Bible Study for Week of January 28, 2018

Title of the Lesson: Corporate Worship

This week's bible passage talks about our amazing access to our holy God because of what Christ has done for us. As a result, we need to worship together and "spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Meeting together as the body of Christ for worship is critical to our success as disciples.

- Remind your group that one of the discipleship skills that we want to develop this year is the ability to verbalize scripture to people with whom we will have the opportunity to minister. So we will continue to ask one of you to tell the bible story from memory.
- So, let's give our undivided attention to _____ as he/she verbalizes tonight's bible study passage.

Hebrews 10:19-25

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus **20** by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, **21** and since we have a great priest over the house of God, **22** let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. **23** Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. **24** And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **25** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Questions

- Now, let's open our bibles to Hebrews 10:19-25. Let's review the scripture and look for details that need to be emphasized and remembered.
- After clarifying what the bible says, ask what resonated with you the most and why?"
- Context Analysis: The book of Hebrews is written to a Messianic Jewish audience who were being tempted to revert back to Judaism or to force Jewish customs and culture upon Christians. The book strongly rebukes this attitude by arguing that Christ is superior and better than the old Jewish system. By fulfilling the Jewish law that was given in the Old Testament, Christ has superseded the law in every way. This week's bible study is part of a section talking about the priesthood and the tabernacle. Christ is presented as a high priest who is far superior to any Jewish priest and Christ's sacrifice is far superior to any of the Jewish sacrifices, for his sacrifice was a "once and for all" kind of sacrifice. Based on this truth, the church should faithfully worship together and proactively help each other to gratefully serve Christ and love each other.

- What were the roles of the Jewish priests and the high priest in the Tabernacle and Temple? What were the articles of furniture in each of the rooms and what did they represent? (Leader's might need to consult Study Bibles, Bible Dictionaries, or Commentaries)
- Why was Jesus death superior to the Old Testament sacrificial system?
- According to today's passage, what was the result of Jesus' death and sacrifice in our behalf? (see verses 19-21)
- Based on what Christ accomplished for us by his sacrificial death, the text provides 3 exhortations. These are: 1) Let us draw near to God (vs. 22), 2) let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess (vs. 23), 3) let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds (vs. 24). As a group, take a moment to discuss how we can live out each of these exhortations.
- The last exhortation of "let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" provides an example. The example is to meet together regularly. What is the reason given for doing this (see vs. 25)? How can FC live this out?
- Why do you think some people "are in the habit" of neglecting this teaching (i.e., neglecting to meet together with other Christians)? What are some of the dangerous results of this type of "solo" Christianity?
- As a group, take a few minutes and listen to each other's testimonies of how regular gatherings with other Christians have helped them to love better and to better accomplish good deeds.
- Is there something that FC can do to improve its corporate worship experiences? (Leaders, please share any ideas with one of your pastors)
- What do we learn about God from this passage?
- What do we learn about ourselves (mankind) from this passage?
- What actions do you plan to take as a result of this study and discussion?

Close with prayer. Pray specifically that the group can follow through with what God has put on their hearts to do.